Special Envoy Dante Caputo earlier described the expulsion as outrageous and an insult to the international community, which had extended the Mission's mandate on Friday. The authorities had warned that the Haitian military would take whatever steps were necessary to put an end to the Mission, it it did not withdraw within 48 hours. "The reasons are quite obvious," he said, "they kill people, they torture people, they rape people and they don't want any witnesses."

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The Prime Minister of France, Edouard Balladur, today urgently appealed to the international community to do everything possible to enable the immediate deployment of the strengthened United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR). Briefing the Security Council on the French-led humanitarian operation there, he said that UNAMIR had been offered enough personnel to carry out its mandate, but that equipment and logistical support were still needed.

Mr. Balladur said the three-week-old French operation in Rwanda had largely achieved its humanitarian goals. Massacres had almost completely stopped in areas protected by French troops, and a large volume of humanitarian supplies has been delivered. However, he stressed that France could not solve the humanitarian problem on its own, given the huge number of refugees and displaced persons. He also stressed that French and Senegalese forces in Rwanda could not take the place of UNAMIR. That was not their mission, nor was it the intention of the French Government, which would withdraw its troops at the end of July.

Only a sizeable United Nations force could make recovery in Rwanda possible, by promoting a return to stability and the expansion of humanitarian action, he went on to say. Meanwhile, the United Nations, the Organization of African States (OAU) and the States in the region must use their influence to achieve a political solution in the spirit of the Arusha accords.

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The Bosnian Government and the Bosnian Serb authorities have agreed in principle to extend their 8 June Agreement for an additional month under certain understandings. According to a United Nations spokesman, the decision to extend the Agreement on a cease-fire was reached on Friday after separate meetings between Special Representative Yasushi Akashi and Bosnian Vice-President Ejup Ganic and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic.

Mr. Akashi met today with the Co-Chairmen of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, Thorvald Stoltenberg and Lord Owen, at the Headquarters of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). He was expected to return to Sarajevo tomorrow for further meetings with the Bosnian Government.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has expressed concern at delays in the demobilization of Government and Mozambique National Resistance Movement (RENAMO) troops in Mozambique. In a report on the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) dated 7 July, he said he was also concerned at delays in the formation of the new Mozambican Defence Force (FADM). If Government and RENAMO troops were not demobilized by the October elections, they would threaten stability and the peaceful formation of a new government, he warned.

The Secretary-General said that despite significant progress, the timetable for the Mozambican peace process was becoming increasingly tight with the upcoming elections. It was thus imperative that the parties speed up demobilization. ONUMOZ's mandate will expire on 15 November, and civilian and military personnel are scheduled to begin withdrawing immediately after the October elections.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said today he was pleased that the leaders of the Group of 7 industrialized countries had given special attention to the situation in Africa in the communique following their Summit in Naples, Italy, over the weekend. The Secretary-General had asked for attention to African issues in a letter to the G-7 leaders, according to a United Nations spokesman.

The communique saluted the achievements of South Africa and drew attention to the humanitarian tragedy affecting many African countries, particularly Rwanda, the spokesman said. It also urged the rapid deployment of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) and supported efforts to implement a settlement in Angola.

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The Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) has recommended that the General Assembly accept the Secretary-General's proposal to formalize the provisional redeployment of the post of an Assistant Secretary-General from the Department of Administration and Management to the Office for Inspections and Investigations. It took that action today by approving, without a vote, a decision proposed by its Rapporteur. The Assembly asked the Secretary-General to ensure an integrated and coordinated financial management of the new structure of the Department.

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Secretary-General has expressed his sadness at the death over the weekend of President Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He said President Kim's death came at a particularly untimely juncture on the eve of a landmark meeting in Pyongyang with the President of the Republic of Korea.

The Secretary-General recalled that he had met with President Kim during his visit to Pyongyang last December. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the late President's family, and to the people and Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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